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SUBJ: GSDR SEES GAINS AT KHARTOUM; DG CITES SUPPORT FOR CEASEFIRE
ARRANGEMENT

1. DURING AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AT EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY
RECEPTION EVENING OF JULY 23, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHERIF TOLD THE CHARGE THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) WAS PLEASED
WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE OAU SUMMIT. SHERIF SAID THE
GUINEANS PROPOSED A RESOLUTION FOR THE SCALING DOWN OF
VIOLENCE IN THE OGADEN WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE
ETHIOPIANS AND THE SOMALIS TO PULL THEIR FORCES AT LEAST
FIVE KILOMETERS BACK FROM THE BORDER, THUS CREATING A TEN
KILOMETER WIDE NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE
GUINEAN PROPOSAL INCLUDED A CEASEFIRE AS WELL. SHERIF
SAID THE SOMALIS AGREED TO THEIR "DRAFT RESOLUTION"
AND IT FOUND WIDE SUPPORT AMONG OTHER OAU STATES AND
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MEMBERS OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE. THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL SAID THAT THE ETHIOPIANS OPPOSED IT, AND CON-
SEQUENTLY NOTHING CAME OF THE INITIATIVE. THE GSDR,
HOWEVER, TOOK SATISFACTION IN HAVING A MAJORITY OF
SUPPORT ON ITS SIDE AND ISOLATING THE ETHIOPIANS ON
THIS PEACE INITIATIVE.

2. MINISTER OF INFORMATION ABDIRSALEM SHEIK HUSSEIN TOLD THE ITALIAN COUNSELOR ON JAN 22 THAT THE GSDR WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ACTION THE OAU TOOK ON THE CREDENTIALS OF THE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF) AND THE SOMALI ABO LIBERATION FRONT (SALF), BOTH OF WHICH WERE PRESENT AT KHARTOUM. THE MINISTER SAID THAT BE REFERRING THE CREDENTIALS QUESTION TO THE OAU MEDIATION COMMITTEE, THE OAU HAD ACTUALLY GIVEN THE FRONTS A FORM OF TACIT RECOGNITION. HE TOUGHT THIS STEP MADE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE ETHIOPIANS TO DENY THE PROBLEM OF SURPRESSED MINORITIES EXISTS. THE MINISTER ALSO EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE IN THE FINDING, ALLEGEDLY BY THE OAU LEGAL COMMITTEE, THAT THE OAU'S CAIRO DECLARATION ON TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SOMALI/ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE BECAUSE THE CONDITIONS IN THE OGADEN EXISTED EVEN BEFORE SOMALIA BECAME AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY.

3. SHERIF INDICATED THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FORM ANY FURTHER JUDGEMENTS ON THE OAU SUMMIT. HE DID SAY HE WOULD CONSIDER A BRIEFING FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION ON THE FINAL SOMALI ANALYSIS. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT SESSION TO TAKE PLACE SOON, IF AT ALL, AS THE PRINCIPAL SOMALI PARTICIPANTS ARE ENROUTE TO BELGRADE FOR THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' SESSION THERE.

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4. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THE GSDR WILL EMPHASIZE IN ITS DIPLOMACY ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENTER SOME KIND OF DISENGAGEMENT AND CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT, ALTHOUGH IT HAS GIVEN NO PUBLICITY TO THIS STEP IN ITS OWN DOMESTIC MEDIA. AMEMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT OF THE GUINEAN INITIATIVE IF THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THE PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE FOR JULY 21, NOT YET IN OUR HANDS, HAS SOME REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT. WE ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT WSLF AND SALF GAINS AT KHARTOUM AS WELL AS LEGAL COMMITTEE DECISIONS, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE PRECISE RECORD OF THE CONFERENCE TO SHED MORE LIGHT ON THESE MATTERS.
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